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Input received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment will be considered part of the public record on this project and will be available for public inspection.



Rough Timeline

Spring/Summer 2015:

- Public Scoping

Summer 2015- Summer 2016:

- Public Field Trips as necessary

Spring 2016:

- FS Crafts Proposed Action

Summer 2016:

- FS writes environmental analysis

Spring 2017:

- Public Comment on draft Plan

Summer 2017:

- Objection Period

December 2017:

- Decision signed



E. Fork Hermosa Creek, looking east
Photo courtesy of EcoFlight

HERMOSA CREEK

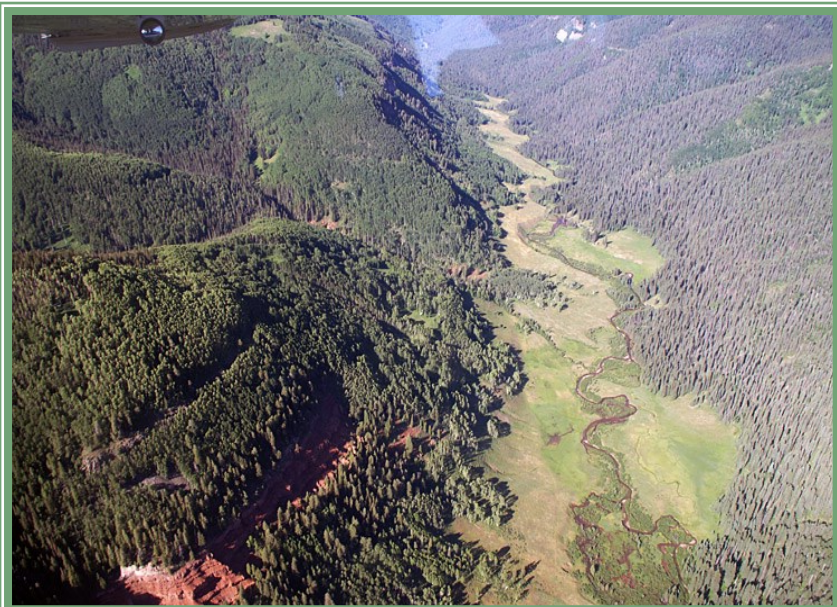
SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA

Public Scoping Open House, Tuesday, March 3, 2015
San Juan Public Lands Center

Purpose of the SMA:

**“to conserve and protect for the benefit
of present and future generations the
watershed, geological, cultural, natural,
scientific, recreational, wildlife, riparian,
historical, educational, and scenic
resources of the Special Management
Area.”**

-H.R. 3979, signed by President Obama , Dec. 19, 2014



Hermosa Creek

Photo : HermosaCreek.org

SMA MANAGEMENT PLAN REQUIRED

The legislation requires the Forest Service to develop a SMA Management Plan within three years, which:

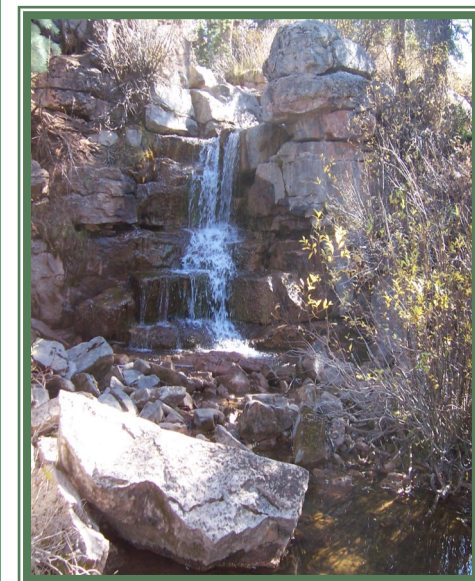
- Guides the long-term management of the SMA.
- Takes public input into account.
- Provides for many kinds of recreational opportunities.
- Provides for livestock grazing.
- Allows vegetation, wildfire, insect, and disease management.

The watershed management plan will likely include the SMA, the Wilderness, an RNA, and Travel Management.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER WHILE PROVIDING SCOPING INPUT:

- Are you interested in attending any field trips to the Hermosa?
- What specific locations are of interest to you?
- Do you have suggestions for changes to current Travel Management regulations?
- Do you have suggestions for Hermosa Creek Wilderness regulations similar to, or different than, those in the Weminuche Wilderness?
- What Forest Plan guidance needs to be amended or supplemented?

May 19, 2015



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